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FOR AMBASSADOR FROM MAYS

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SUBJECT:AID MODE LEVELS IN BLS STATES

REF: GABORONE 325

1. ON MODE STAFF BOOKS OSARAC AUTHORIZED MANNING LEVEL
CURRENTLY STANDS AT 19 AMERICANS, 13 FOREIGN NATIONALS
DISTRIBUTED AS FOLLOWS:

BOTSWANA - 2 US 2 FN
LESOTHO - 2 US 2 FN
SWAZILAND - 15 US 9 FN

THIS LEVEL WAS CONFIRMED TO MBABANE IN STATE 284515,
NOVEMBER 19, 1976. IT IS SUBJECT TO RECONSIDERATION AND
POSSIBLE ADJUSTMENT, IF COM RECOMMENDS PURSUANT TO MODE
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GUIDELINES CIRCULATED IN A-4171.

2. AUTHORIZED MANNING LEVEL FOR OSARAC IN FEBRUARY 1976
WAS 15 AMERICANS, 12 FOREIGN NATIONALS. THE CHANGE,
ADDING FOUR US AND ONE FN IN SWAZILAND, OCCURRED AS AN AF
BUREAU DECISION MADE AT THE RECOMMENDATION OF AMBASSADOR
BOLEN (WHO SIGNED MBABANE 1227, JULY 21, 1976, NOT

REPEATED TO GABORONE). THE NEW US SLOTS WERE FOR A

HEALTH OFFICER, A PROGRAM ECONOMIST IN LIEU OF A REPORT-
ING AND EVALUATION OFFICER, EARLIER PLANNED, AND TWO
INTERNATIONAL DEVELOPMENT INTERNS (IDIS). THE FOREIGN
NATIONAL POSITION WAS FOR A SECRETARY. MBABANE 1227
ALSO REJECTED ESTABLISHMENT OF A CD PROJECT OFFICER
SLOT PROPOSED BY AID/W AND IDENTIFIED FORREST DUNCAN AS
HIGHLY SATISFACTORY FOR THE PROGRAM ECONOMIST SLOT
(ALTHOUGH AID/W HAD RECOMMENDED HE GO TO USAID/KENYA -
STATE 172688, JULY 13, 1976 SENT MBABANE BUT NOT TO
GABORONE).

3. WE ARE UNAWARE HOW A POSITION COULD COUNT AGAINST
MODE CEILING WITHOUT BEING CHARGED AGAINST SOME AGENCY.
WILL GLADLY PURSUE SPECIFICS IF YOU WISH TO FURNISH US
DETAILS.

4. AID INTERNS (IDIS) COUNT AGAINST AGENCY WORLDWIDE
MODE CEILING, JUST AS STATE JOTS COUNT AGAINST WORLD-
WIDE STATE CEILING. IDI SLOTS ARE MANAGED AS A SPECIAL
COMPLEMENT IN AID AND ARE NOT NORMALLY CARRIED ON BOOKS
OF AID GEOGRAPHIC BUREAUS. SINCE IDIS ARE TRAINEES
(USUALLY SPENDING SIX MONTHS IN WASHINGTON, EIGHTEEN
MONTHS AT POST), OSARAC MANAGERS MAY NOT CONSIDER THEM
AS OCCUPYING PERMANENT OSARAC USDH SLOTS. EXAMINATION
OF MBABANE 0511 (APRIL 1, 1976) AND MBABANE 1341
(AUGUST 6, 1976), BOTH REPEATED TO GABORONE, SUGGESTS
OSARAC HAS DRAWN A DISTINCTION BETWEEN REGULAR USDH
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CATEGORY AND INTERNS. NEVERTHELESS AID/W REPORTS COUNT
IDIS AGAINST OSARAC MODE LEVEL; THEY ARE PART OF USG
OFFICIAL PRESENCE IN THE FOREIGN COUNTRY, AND CONSIDERED
ON A WORLDWIDE BASIS THEY FREQUENTLY MOVE INTO REGULAR
USDH POSITIONS AFTER TRAINING. ESTABLISHMENT OF IDI
SLOTS REQUIRES ADVANCE CONSULTATION WITH COM AND APPROVAL
UNDER MODE SYSTEM. (CF MBABANE 0817, MAY 14, 1976, NOT
REPEATED TO GABORONE). TERMS OF 22 USC 2680A DEFINITELY
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